

REMARKS

Summary of Changes Made

By this Amendment, in the listing of the claims, the status of claims 41 and 42 has been changed from "withdrawn" to "canceled." Accordingly, claims 22-40 and 43-50 (27 claims) remain pending in the application. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

The Amendment filed June 28, 2004 was asserted to be not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 because the listing of claims did not include the text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims. It is believed that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment applies to claims 41-42 only, as claims 41-42 were the only claims that were withdrawn instead. All other claims were pending or canceled. The Examiner will note that claims 41-42 have now been canceled, thus rendering it unnecessary to provide their text. With this amendment, the text of all pending claims, in their current forms, is presented. It is believed this change is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 22-40 and 43-50, is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. REN-12526.

Respectfully submitted,
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